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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/08/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/01/07
Broiler/fryer	153,100	171,266
Light hens	896	1,136
Heavy hens	1,109	1,558

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	186	0	186
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	305	0	305
Same week yr ago	50	0	50
To-date/2007	8,865	23	8,888
To-date/2006	5,785	26	5,811

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,220	1,563	2,783
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,860	1,622	3,482
Same week yr ago	981	1,557	2,538
To-date/2007	47,921	50,900	98,821
To-date/2006	44,503	52,031	96,534

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	171,530	1,034	1,563	2,597
Avg Wt	5.37	3.30	8.12	6.20
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,796	1,155	1,622	2,777
Same wk yr ago	168,295	931	1,557	2,488
Avg Wt	5.18	3.08	8.26	6.32
To-date/2007	5,624,589	39,056	50,877	89,933
To-date/2006	5,645,608	38,718	52,005	90,723

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 165.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 173.6 million head, or 7.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	48,657	88,053	26,309	8,511	171,530
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.39	7.02	8.79	5.37
% of total /1	28%	51%	16%	5%	100%
Last week	51,355	78,502	32,450	4,489	166,796
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.38	6.99	8.21	5.40
% of total /1	31%	47%	19%	4%	100%
Year Ago 2/	53,700	84,183	24,329	6,083	168,295
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.42	6.96	8.08	5.18
% of total /1	32%	50%	14%	4%	100%
To date/2007	1,520,863	2,824,077	897,973	381,676	5,624,589
To date/2006	1,640,451	2,769,709	798,345	437,103	5,645,608

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,361	2,796	37	2	5,196
Avg Wt	16.47	36.20	24.07	31.37	27.15
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,162	2,706	27	2	4,897
Same wk yr ago	1,801	2,664	2	8	4,475
Avg Wt	16.86	34.78	26.00	27.78	27.55
To-date/2007	68,602	91,008	748	175	160,533
To-date/2006	67,045	89,333	850	168	157,396

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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